

HOUSE BILL NO. 23

INTRODUCED BY D. HIMMELBERGER

BY REQUEST OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REMOVING STATUTORY REFERENCES TO THE LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEES; AMENDING SECTIONS 5-2-202 AND 5-11-402, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE APPLICABILITY DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 5-2-202, MCA, is amended to read:

"5-2-202. Presession activity. (1) Members of the legislature nominated to leadership positions during the presession caucus provided for in 5-2-201 and members nominated or appointed to the ~~legislative administration committees~~, committee on committees, and rules committees may meet and perform necessary organizational tasks prior to the regular session, including but not limited to appointing committees, hiring staff, and assigning space and seating.

(2) Members of the house appropriations committee and of the senate finance and claims committee named prior to the regular session may begin reviewing requests for appropriations immediately and may visit state agencies and institutions to discuss requests."

Section 2. Section 5-11-402, MCA, is amended to read:

"5-11-402. Legislative branch computer system planning council. There is a legislative branch computer system planning council composed of:

(1) the secretary of the senate or another representative of the senate designated by the president;

(2) the chief clerk of the house of representatives or another representative of the house designated by the speaker;

(3) the sergeants-at-arms in the two houses or another representative of each house designated by the presiding officer ~~of the legislative administration committee~~ of that house;

(4) the executive director of the legislative services division, who shall chair the planning council;

(5) the legislative auditor;

1 (6) the legislative fiscal analyst;
2 (7) the consumer counsel; and
3 (8) a person designated by the director of the department of administration to represent the information
4 technology responsibilities of the department, who shall serve as a nonvoting member of the planning council."

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6 ~~NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.~~

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8 NEW SECTION. **SECTION 3. APPLICABILITY.** [THIS ACT] APPLIES TO LEGISLATURES THAT CONVENE AFTER
9 DECEMBER 31, 2011.

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